

The regular session of the North Town Council was held on Monday, September 13, 2004 at 7:30 PM at the North Town Hall. All members were present as well as Mayor Jeffcoat and Administrator Ott. The Clerk, Mrs. Cheryl Townsend, was absent due to recent surgery. The Mayor declared a Quorum and called the meeting to Order.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Deborah Cook to accept the minutes of the previous Council meeting. Councilwoman Harriett Lane seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved the minutes.

Mrs. Jeanne Young, the guidance counselor at the middle and high school, introduced Ms. Shayla Schofield. Ms. Schofield, a student at the high school, read her essay on the community of character trait for the month of August. Students from the middle and high school will continue to attend the Town Council meeting and make presentations to Council.

Mr. Cal Hartzog was present at the Council meeting and presented Council with a report of the Wastewater Treatment plant and the two Town wells. Mr. Hartzog told council that everything was running smoothly and that the Town was in good standing with DHEC>

Russell Ott presented Council with a Water and Sewer Report for the month of August. Ott reported that penalties were still high but that cut offs were down.

There was no Fire Department report.

Chief Mark Fallaw presented Council with the August Police report. Chief Fallaw reported all group A, B, and C violations as well as report that the Department is seeking a qualified applicant to fill the vacant position. Chief Fallaw also gave a brief report on the Town website.

August's financial reports were not available but will be ready at the next Council meeting.

2nd reading was given to the new Telecommunications Tax Ordinance requested by MASC. Councilwoman Lane made the motion, Councilwoman Cook seconded, and Council voted unanimously to pass the Ordinance. It should be noted that a public hearing for this Ordinance was held at 7:00pm prior to the Council Meeting. This Ordinance will increase the tax on telecommunications within the Town.

Mr. Ott gave a brief renovations update regarding Town Hall. All applications have been approved and work should begin within the week.

Mr. Ott then introduced Mr. Jamie Steele of Davis & Floyd; Inc. Mr. Steele is the resident construction manager for the 321 project. Mr. Steele reported that work would be beginning very soon within the Town. Councilman Paul Drew stated concern about parking for the Downtown Businesses during the construction process. Mr. Steele assured Mr. Drew that measures would be taken to insure that everything runs as smoothly as possible during the construction. Mr. Steele stated that there would be some inconveniences during this process but that the end result would be well worth it.

Mr. Ott reported to Council that he had been in negotiations for the purchase of a new pumper system that would be used for the cleaning and unclogging of sewer lines. Mr. Ott reported that the equipment currently used by the public works department is outdated and dangerous. Council unanimously agreed to allow Mr. Ott to continue negotiations for the purchase of the pumper system.

Mr. Ott then introduced Mr. Dale Weatherford to the Council and audience. Mr. Weatherford has been hired to fill the maintenance supervisor position in Town. Council welcomed Mr. Weatherford to the Town of North.

The Community of Character trait for the month is Endurance.

A motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and contractual issues was made by Councilwoman Lane and seconded by Councilman Gleaton. Council approved this motion unanimously and retired to the back room for discussion.

After a brief executive session, a motion to return was made by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilwoman Lane, and approved unanimously. Councilwoman Cook reported that no action was taken in Executive Session and that nothing needed to be voted on in open session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilman Drew and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl H. Townsend
Town Clerk
